

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has amended parent claim 13 to more particularly and definitely define the invention and to solicit patent protection of the scope to which he believes himself to be entitled.

More particularly, amended claim 13 recites that pairs of the piston and cylinder assemblies are arranged in opposed relation on the endless transport means, with at least one of the upwardly traveling assemblies being submerged in the liquid. Thus, the alternate increase and decrease of the volumes of the piston and cylinder assemblies when the direction of movement changes "ensures that the bodies moving upwards at any given time, because of their greater volume, experience greater buoyancy than the downwardly-moving bodies. The rotational movement of the bodies is produced thereby." (Page 1, lines 30 - 36) The amended claim further defines the conduit means 17 as being endless and being arranged on the transport means for connecting the chambers of the opposed pairs of pistons. These features clearly distinguish the present invention from the teachings of the cited prior art.

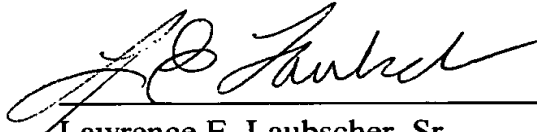
Regarding the issue of the "operability" of the invention raised by the Examiner, the Applicant advises that it is preparing evidence in affidavit or declaration form to establish the operability of the invention in practice. It is expected that this evidence will be forthcoming shortly. It is courteously requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss the evidence necessary to establish the operability of the invention.

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Favorable action is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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